

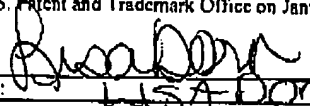
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Official action mailed October 31, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.